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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. THE PLO SPEAKS WITH THE QUAI

DURING TALKS LAST WEEK, THE PLO'S POLITICAL CHIEF, FAROUQ KADDUMI, TOLD THE QUAI:

--THE PLO INTENDS TO RESPECT THE CAIRO ACCORDS, BUT WILL NOT RELINQUISH ITS HEAVY ARMS IN LEBANON, AS SARKIS HAD ENVISIONED.

--THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL IS UNLIKELY TO FORM A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, BUT WILL PROBABLY AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY FOR LIBERATED TERRITORIES.

--THE ALLON PLAN IS UNACCEPTABLE, AS THE PLO REJECTS
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BOTH REPRESENTATION IN A JORDANIAN DELEGATION AND THE

IDEA OF A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN STATE.

EMBASSY PARIS COMMENT: THE FRENCH NOW BELIEVE THE PLO MIGHT BE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR ADMISSION AT THE SECOND STAGE OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE IF THEY ARE ACCEPTED ON AN "EQUAL FOOTING" WITH THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 36089, 12/7.)

2. BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL TO MEET

EMBASSY ATHENS HAS LEARNED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS FOLLOWING THE NATO MINISTERIAL TO TRY AND RESOLVE THE AEGEAN DISPUTE. TALKS ARE LIKELY TO BEGIN IN JANUARY ON DELINEATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, BUT FAILURE TO AGREE ON THE LOCATION OF A 36-MILE WIDE "SECURITY ZONE" HAS STALLED DISCUSSIONS ON DIVIDING THE AIR SPACE ABOVE IT. THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THE TWO MINISTERS MAY DEAL WITH THIS MATTER, BUT MORE LIKELY WILL SET A DATE IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY FOR A MEETING OF EXPERTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 12966, 12/7.)

3. MADRID: SUAREZ TALKS POLITICS WITH WILLY BRANDT

EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS WILLY BRANDT WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ' DECISIVENESS, GRASP OF THE ISSUES, AND EVIDENT INTEREST IN DEMOCRACY DURING HIS DECEMBER 4-7 VISIT TO SPAIN. ACCORDING TO THE FRG AMBASSADOR, SUAREZ TOLD BRANDT:

--GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW CONGRESS OF DEPUTIES AND THE SENATE MAY NOW SLIP UNTIL APRIL OR MAY TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR PREPARATIONS.

--HE IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OPPOSITION AND DISCUSS SUCH TOPICS AS THE ELECTORAL LAW.

--HE FAVORS EARLY LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH HE HOPES WILL HELP THE GOVERNMENT SHORE UP SPAIN'S TROUBLED ECONOMY. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 9280, 12/9.)

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4. GUINEA GETTING OUT FROM UNDER THE USSR

FRG MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI TOLD EMBASSY BONN THAT HIS RECENT VISIT TO GUINEA CONVINCED HIM THAT SEKOU TOURE IS ATTEMPTING TO MOVE AWAY FROM SOVIET INFLUENCE. WISCHE-NEWSKI AN OLD FRIEND OF TOURE'S, SAID THE GUINEAN PRESIDENT TOLD HIM HE:

--DID NOT APPROVE THE USE OF GUINEAN BASES FOR SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE US;

--HAS REQUESTED THAT ALL SOVIET SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT CEASE OPERATIONS AND DEPART BY MID-DECEMBER; AND

--WOULD HAVE REACTED EVEN MORE STRONGLY HAD HE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE REPLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR US GUARANTEE OF GUINEA'S SECURITY.

WISCHNEWSKI AGREES THERE IS LITTLE EXTERNAL THREAT TO TOURE'S REGIME, BUT ARGUES THAT CONAKRY COULD BE WEANED FROM SOVIET INFLUENCE BY AN AMERICAN GESTURE TOURE COULD INTERPRET AS ASSURANCE OF GUINEA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. (SECRET) BONN 20680 (EXDIS), 12/8.)

5. BAHRANI ANALYSIS OF GULF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

BAHRAINI FOREIGN MINISTER AL KHALIFA TOLD AMBASSADOR CLUVERIUS HE ASCRIBES IRAQ'S INITIAL ENTHUSIASM ON GULF SECURITY TO ITS DESIRE TO DISPLAY GOODWILL TO IRAN WHEN BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE ON THE UPSWING. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER:

--PRESENT IRAQI OBSTRUCTIONISM IS MORE TRUE TO FORM.

--THE GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE WAS ONLY A BEGINNING AND EXPECTATION OF SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS WOULD HAVE BEEN PREMATURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MANAMA 207L, 12/8.)

6. BOLIVIA'S CORRIDOR: A CHILEAN VIEWPOINT

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IN A SHOW OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CONCERN FOR ITS FAR NORTH, PRESIDENT PINOCHET TRAVELED TO THE PORT OF ARICA ON DECEMBER 2 TO SIGN DECREES RESTORING A VARIETY OF CUSTOMS FREE ZONE PRIVILEGES. EMBASSY SANTIAGO NOTES THIS IS PART OF AN EFFORT TO MAKE ARICA A SIGNIFICANT PART OF CHILE.

ON THE RELATED QUESTION OF A BOLIVIAN "CORRIDOR," THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THREE ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN SANTIAGO:

--LEASING A CORRIDOR TO BOLIVIA;

--CREATING A SOVEREIGN PORT OF BOLIVIA IN FORMER BOLIVIAN, RATHER THAN PERUVIAN, TERRITORY; AND

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--ESTABLISHING A CORRIDOR UNDER A TRIPARTITE JURIS-
DICTION, TAKEN FROM PRESENT CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN
TERRITORY.

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES DISCUSSIONS OF THE MATTER ARE LIKELY
TO CONTINUE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD, WITH ONLY FAIR PROS-
PECTS FOR SUCCESS. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 11643 (LIM-
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